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SUBJ: WORLD CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR:

DANISH DELEGATION

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SUMMARY: THE DANISH DELEGATION TO THE WORLD CONFERENCE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR (WCIWY) WILL BE HEADED BY MINISTER FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS EVA GREDAL. THE DANISH DELEGATION, IN COMMON WITH THE OTHER SCANDINAVIANS, FEELS INHIBITED BY ITS "ADVANCED" STATUS WITH REGARD TO RELATIONS BETWEEN THE SEXES AND HAS DECIDED, RATHER SMUGLY, NOT TO "INSTRUCT" THE DELEGATIONS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. SPECIFIC POSITIONS TO BE TAKEN BY THE DANES ARE NOT YET FINALIZED BUT THE ADVENT OF A SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT IN FEBRUARY PROBABLY SIGNIFIES THAT DANES WILL NOT ACTIVELY OPPOSE INTROUDCTION OF CERDS OR NIEO SUBJECTS. END SUMMARY.

1. THE DANISH WCIWY DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS, EVA GREDAL, ASSISTED BY AMBASSADOR BJARNE PAULSON, A LATIN AMERICAN SPECIALIST, AND MINISTER
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OF EDUCATION, MRS. RITT BJERREGAARD. IT WILL INCLUDE FIVE

MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, A NUMBER OF CONSULTANTS REPRESENTING DANISH WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS, AND STAFF EXPERTS FROM VARIOUS MINISTRIES. THE LIST WITH BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON PRINCIPAL DELEGATES FOLLOW IN PARA 4.

2. POSITION ON POLITICAL SUBJECTS: IN COMPARISON WITH THE OTHER SCANDINAVIAN DELEGATIONS, PRINCIPALLY THE SWEDISH, THE DANES WILL TAKE, ACCORDING TO A SOURCE ON THE DELEGATION, A RELATIVELY PASSIVE ROLE. THEY HAVE NOT YET FINALIZED THEIR POSITIONS FOR THE CONGRESS, THOUGH GREDAL IS, REPORTEDLY, VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE "WORLD PLAN OF ACTION". ACCORDING TO GRETHE FENGER MOLLER, DIRECTOR OF THE WOMEN'S YEAR SECRETARIAT, THE SCANDINAVIAN DELEGATIONS DO NOT WISH TO BE CAST AS MODELS TOWARD WHICH DEVELOPMENT SHOULD PROGRESS. THEY FEEL, THEREFORE, UNABLE TO PLAY A MAJOR ROLE AND THEY INTEND, INSTEAD, TO DISCUSS THE "MISTAKES" THEY HAVE MADE IN THEIR SOCIAL EVOLUTION.

3. ALTHOUGH DENMARK VOTED AGAINST THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF STATES (CERDS) IN THE UNGA LAST DECEMBER, THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DANISH UN DELEGATION WERE UPSET BY THE VOTE. WITH A SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT HAVING BEEN INSTALLED IN THE MEANTIME, THE DANISH DELEGATION CAN BE EXPECTED TO VOICE LITTLE OBJECTION TO THE INTERJECTION OF CERDS AND OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER (NIEO) TOPICS AT THE CONGRESS.

4. LIST OF DELEGATES:

- EVA GREDAL, 48, CHAIRPERSON OF THE DELEGATION; MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS, 1971-1973, AND AGAIN FROM FEBRUARY 1975; SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FROM 1971-75. TRAINED AS A SOCIAL CONSULTANT, SHE HAS BEEN DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH AND OF THE MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE; A LEFT-WING SOCIAL DEMOCRAT WHO HAS CHAMPIONED THE PROLIFERATION OF DAY-CARE CENTERS AND NURSERIES FOR THE CHILDREN OF WORKING MOTHER, DESPITE CRITICISM FROM THE NON-SOCIALIST PARTIES THAT DAY-CARE PERSONNEL ARE IDEOLOGICALLY LEFTISH. MARRIED TO OTTO GREDAL, DIRECTOR OF THE DANISH LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ADMINISTRATION FOR HYDROGRAPHY AND NAVIGATION.

- AMBASSADOR BJARNE PAULSON, 62, DEPUTY CHAIRPERSON. LAWYER AND CAREER FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER WHO WAS DANISH AMBASSADOR TO ARGENTINA, URUGUAY, PARAGUAY AND CHILE (RESIDENT IN BUENOS AIRES) FROM 1965 UNTIL 1973.

- RITT BJERREGAARD, 34, MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SEPTEMBER

TO DECEMBER 1973, AND AGAIN FROM FEBRUARY 1975; SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SINCE 1971; ALSO A LEFT-WING SOCIAL DEMOCRAT, SHE IS HER PARTY'S PRINCIPAL FIGURE IN THE CURRENT REFORM OF THE PRIMARY EDUCATION SYSTEM IN DENMARK. A TEACHER FROM COPENHAGEN AND CONSULTANT TO THE WORKERS EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION (WEA); MARRIED TO SOREN MORCH, ALSO A TEACHER.

MEMBERS OF FOLKETING:

- EDELE KRUCHOW, 59, RADICAL PARTY MEMBER OF THE FOLKETING SINCE 1971. PRINCIPAL OF THE SORTEDAM HIGH SCHOOL SINCE 1960; CHAIRPERSON OF THE DANISH WOMEN'S NATIONAL COUNCIL, 1967-1972.

- GERDA MOLLER, 60, CONSERVATIVE MEMBER OF THE FOLKETING SINCE 1964. TRAINED AS A TEACHER, SHE HAS HELD VARIOUS POSTS WITHIN THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS; MARRIED TO COL. ADAM MOLLER, ALSO A FORMER CONSERVATIVE MP.

- DORTE BENNEDSEN, 36, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SINCE 1975; FORMER MINISTER OF ECCLESIASTICAL AFFAIRS, 1973-73; MARRIED TO A MEDICAL DOCTOR.

- TOVE NIELSEN, 34, LIBERAL PARTY MEMBER OF THE FOLKETING FROM 1972-73 AND AGAIN FROM 1975; FORMER MINISTER OF EDUCATION 1973-75. DURING HER TERM AS MINISTER OF EDUCATION, SHE LED HER PARTY'S CAMPAIGN AGAINST LEFTISH INDOCTRINATION IN DANISH SCHOOLS.

- EBBA STRANGE, 46, SOCIALIST PEOPLES PARTY MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT SINCE 1973; A PROFESSOR AT VARIOUS TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTIONS.

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CONSULTANTS:

- KAREN DAHLERUP, 54, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY'S EXPERT ON WOMEN'S AFFAIRS; CONSULTANT WITH THE LABOR DIRECTORATE; A FORMER SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT, 1970-71, AND 1973; EDITOR OF FREE WOMEN, 1966-70; MARRIED TO HENRY DAHLERUP OF THE CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION.

- HELEN DEGN, 27, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC MEMBER OF THE FOLKETING 1971-75; TRAINED AS A TEACHER, SHE HAS TAUGHT IN A COPENHAGEN HIGH SCHOOL SINCE 1971; VERY BRIGHT, ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE LEFT WING OF THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY; SHE REPRESENTS AN AMALGAM OF LEFTIST WOMEN'S FACTIONS: THE "RED STOCKING MOVEMENT" AND THE "ALTERNATIVE

WOMEN'S MOVEMENT".

- GRETHE FENGER MOLLER, 32, CONSERVATIVE, CHAIRPERSON OF THE DANISH WOMEN'S SOCIETY SINCE 1974; DIRECTOR OF THE DANISH SECRETARIAT FOR THE INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR.

- ESTER BOSERUP, 65, A POLITICAL SCIENTIST WHO IS CREDITED BY THE DANISH PRESS AS THE WOMAN WHO INSPIRED THE IDEA OF AN INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR BY HER REPORT TO THE UN ON WOMEN IN THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; AFTER TEN YEARS WITH THE UN ECONOMIC COMMISSION IN EUROPE, 1947-57, SHE WORKED AS A FREE LANCE ECONOMIC RESEARCHER FOR VARIOUS DANISH AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC INSTITUTIONS; AFTER 1969, SHE WAS LEADER OF THE INTERNATIONAL SOCIAL SCIENCE COUNCIL'S RESEARCH PROJECT ON DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE; A MEMBER OF THE UN'S EXPERT COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING SINCE 1972.

- KAREN YTTING, 42, CHAIRPERSON OF THE DANISH WOMEN'S NATIONAL COUNCIL; SHE IS A SOCIAL CONSULTANT AND ACTIVE IN THE MOTHER AID INSTITUTION.

- GULDBORG CHEMNITZ, TRANSLATOR WITH THE MINISTRY FOR GREENLAND, REPRESENTS WOMEN OF GREENLAND.

- HENNING FRIIS, DIRECTOR OF THE SOCIAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE.
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- PER KIRSTEIN, OFFICIAL IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOR.

- POUL VORRE, OFFICIAL IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS.

- STEN GRAMBYE, OFFICIAL IN THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION.

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